

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The original *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), AND
- ☒ A copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Israel Education foundation

Travel date(s): May 25-June 2

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$5,783.54	\$1,840.23	\$1,172.39	Security: \$1,333.12 per person Speaker Fees: \$567.30 per person Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$379.61 per person Tour Guide: \$320.53 per person Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$219.85 per person Room Rentals: \$174.75 per person Hotel Commission: \$138.51 Other: \$108.75 per person Airport Assistance: \$81.69 Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$81.38 per person Entrance Fees: \$37.07 per person Photography: \$31.57 per person

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See final itinerary attached

6/17/19
(Date)

Doug Couffts
(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

6/17/19
(Date)

Tom Cotts
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Senior Congressional Staff
June 30 – July 8, 2018**

Final Itinerary

Saturday, June 30, 2018

5:04 PM	Depart Dayton, OH (J.D. Grom only)
5:20 PM	Depart Union Station
7:00 PM	Arrive Newark (J.D. Grom only)
8:25 PM	Arrive Newark
10:50 PM	Depart Newark

Sunday, July 1, 2018

5:05 PM	Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
5:05-6:30 PM	Transfer to Jerusalem
6:30 PM	Check-in to The Orient Hotel
6:45 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30-8:00 PM	<i>Setting the Stage</i> Orientation with Cameron Brown, Director of AIEF Israel - at Touro
8:00-9:45 PM	<i>State of the Nation</i> Dinner with David Horovitz Editor, <i>Times of Israel</i> - at Touro
9:45-10:30 PM	<i>Shalom Jerusalem</i> Introduction to the History of the City Brief walking survey
10:30 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Monday, July 2, 2018

7:30 AM	Breakfast is served - at the hotel
8:00-9:00 AM	<i>Israeli Palestinian Negotiations – An Update</i> Breakfast with Dr. Tal Becker Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - at the hotel
9:00 AM	Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem
9:15 AM-12:45 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I: The Historic and Holy Basin</i> Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
12:45 PM	Depart
1:45-2:45 PM	<i>Israel's Political Map</i> Lunch with Dr. Cameron Brown Director, AIEF Jerusalem
3:00 PM	Depart for the Knesset
3:30 PM	Security check
4:00-4:45 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Stav Shaffir Member of Knesset, Zionist Union Party -at the Knesset
5:00-5:30 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Naftali Bennett Minister of Education and Diaspora Affairs, Leader, The Jewish Home Party - at the Knesset
6:00-7:15 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I: The Historic and Holy Basin</i> Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	Dinner - at Tali's Atelier
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

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7:00-7:30 PM	<i>360° Bird's Eye View</i> Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop
7:30 PM	Depart for Dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	<i>The Israeli Mosaic</i> Dinner with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professor Dov Chernichovsky, Israel's Health Care System ▪ Moshe Friedman, Founder, KarmaTech ▪ Pnina Radai, Director of Training Programs, National school of Government, CSC - Israel Civil Service ▪ Dan Slijper, LGBT Activist -at Spoons Salon
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, July 5, 2018

7:30 AM	Breakfast on your own - at the hotel
8:00 AM	Depart
8:30-9:30 AM	<i>Start-Up Nation</i> Panel Discussion, moderated by Dr. Cameron Brown, with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jordana Cutler, Facebook ▪ Dov Maisel, United HaTzalah Dr. Oren Milstein, StemRad ▪ Eliav Rodman, Orcam - at Facebook Israel
9:30 AM	Depart
10:30-11:00 AM	<i>Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns</i> Briefing at Alfei Menashe
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	<i>Israeli Settlements in Focus</i> Briefing with Oded Ravivi, Mayor of Efrat Yariv Oppenheimer, immediate past head, Peace Now -at Alfei Menashe Matnas

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En route briefings:

- 1:30-3:00 PM

Minority Rights in Israel

Lunch with Mohammad Darwashe

Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Living

Givat Haviva Educational Institute

- at his home, Iqbal

3:30 PM

Depart

4:30-5:30 PM

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah

Briefing with Lt.-Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi

Northern Border Expert

- at Mt. Adir

5:45 PM

Depart

6:30 PM

Check-in to the U Boutique Hotel

7:45 PM

Depart for dinner

8:00-10:00 PM

Reflections of the Week

Dinner and Discussion

- at Decks

10:00 PM

Overnight at U Boutique Hotel

Friday, July 6, 2018

7:30 AM

Breakfast on own

- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

8:30 AM

Depart

9:00-11:00 AM

Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee

Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee

- Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount
- St. Peter's Church
- Capernaum – Jesus' Village

11:00 AM	Depart for the Golan Heights
12:00-1:00 PM	<i>Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria</i> Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria With Capt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman - at Kibbutz Ein Zivan
1:00 PM	Depart
1:15-2:30 PM	Lunch -at Habokrim
2:30-4:00 PM	Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley En route briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Strategic Survey</i> – Israel's Border with Jordan▪ <i>The Jordan Valley</i> – Israel's Defensive Buffer Facing East
4:00-4:30 PM	<i>Jordan Gateway Industrial Park</i> Visit to join development project between Israel and Jordan
4:30-5:30 PM	Continue to Jerusalem
5:30 PM	Check-in to the Orient Hotel
7:15 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30-9:30 PM	<i>Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem</i> Traditional Sabbath evening dinner With Naomi and Jonathan Schachter-Price - at their home in Jerusalem
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Saturday, July 7, 2018

8:00 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
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8:30-10:00 AM Depart

En route briefing:

- *Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor*
- *The Dead Sea Region – Environmental Concerns*

United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

May 22, 2019

Douglas Coutts
Office of Senator Tom Cotton
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Coutts:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you received to travel to an educational seminar in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Tiberias, Israel, on May 25-June 2, 2019, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). AIEF certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the *necessary expenses*¹ related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, nor lobbying firm, nor agent of a foreign principal, and it is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. AIEF has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at *any point throughout your trip*.²

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the **actual** travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip **may be accepted** under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel*, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, AIEF is neither a registered lobbyist nor lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel**.

¹ The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

² The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 2.

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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Douglas Coutts

Name of Traveler: _____

Sen Tom Cotton

Employing Office/Committee: _____

American Israel Education Foundation

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): _____

May 25-June 2

Travel date(s): _____

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Israel, cities Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Tiberias

Destination(s): _____

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

This trip's educational purpose relates directly to my duties as the Chief of Staff for Senator Tom Cotton. Sen Cotton currently sits on the Armed Services, Intelligence and Banking committees. As the chief of staff I handle many foreign relations meetings with the Senator. This trip will help develop a deeper understanding of the relationship between Israel and the United States, and how that relationship affects many of our country's foreign policy decisions in that region and the world.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

4/30/19
(Date)

(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

Sen Tom Cotton

Douglas Coutts

I, _____ hereby authorize _____
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

4/30/19
(Date)

Tom Cotton
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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March 20, 2019

Doug Coutts
Chief of Staff
The Office of the Honorable Tom Cotton
326 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Doug,

On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we would like to invite you to participate in an educational seminar in Israel for Senate and House Chiefs of Staff, May 25 – June 2, 2019. The trip will depart Saturday afternoon, May 25; and return to the U.S. on Sunday morning, June 2.

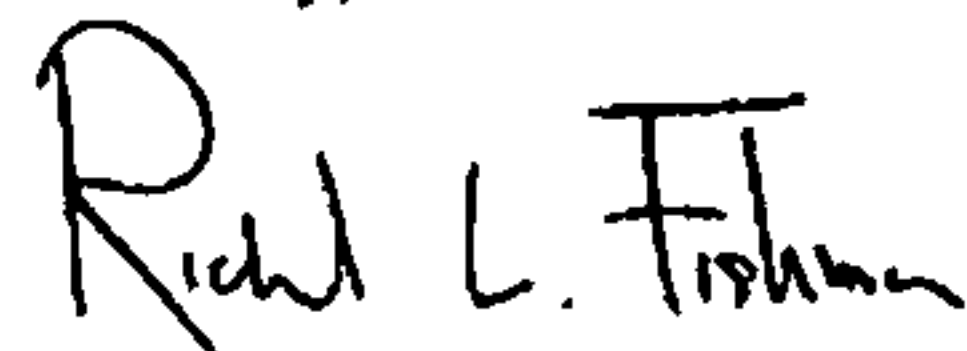
This seminar will delve into some of the most difficult issues facing Israel and the region. Israeli leaders from across the political spectrum, along with Palestinian leaders, will explore the peace negotiations and the obstacles to peace, the myriad of security threats facing the region, and the strategic relationship between the United States and Israel.

Participants will hear a wide array of viewpoints, including discussions with: members of the Israeli Knesset and the Palestinian Authority; U.S. government officials; military leaders; heads of non-governmental organizations; and prominent academics and journalists. The program will also include visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

All trip-related expenses will be paid for by AIEF, and all aspects of the trip will be in full conformity with House Ethics rules. AIEF will provide additional information to assure your compliance with ethics rules.

We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful and educational trip. To confirm your participation, please complete the confirmation form, and return to sallen@aiefdn.org. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Bassin at (202) 639-5279 or rbassin@aipac.org.

Sincerely,



Richard Fishman
Executive Director, AIEF

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The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

- OR -

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

- 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:**

- AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship. The delegation will have the opportunity to meet with a diverse group of Israelis and Palestinians, and see first-hand the outcome of U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation in the region.

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Please see addendum

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$9,638.68 air = \$9,255.34 airport assist = \$55.56 bus = \$311.11 taxis = \$16.67	\$1,814.43 JLM = \$1,046.25 TLV = \$617.52 TIB = \$150.66	\$1,046 JLM = \$560 TLV = \$340 TIB = \$146	\$2,809.63 Please see breakdown attached

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

b) The trip involves an event that is arranged and organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate Senate Chiefs of Staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Orient (Emek Refaim Street 3, Jerusalem); Carlton (Eliezer Peri Street 10, Tel Aviv);
Europa (HaPalmach Street 3, Tiberias)

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

We chose these hotels due to their location and affordability.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Please see addendum

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

round-trip, business class on a commercial airline, chartered bus on the ground in Israel

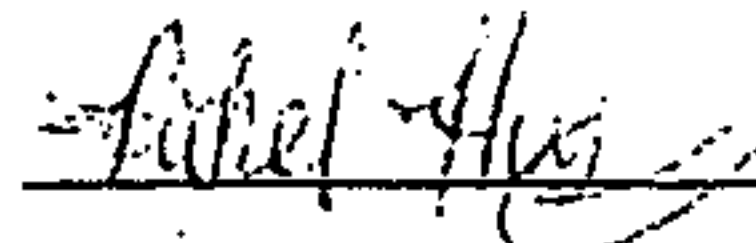
23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

none

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



Name and Title: Rachel Hirsch, In House Counsel

Name of Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Telephone Number: (202) 639-5248

Fax Number: n/a

E-mail Address: rhirsch@aiefdn.org

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2. Description of the Trip

The seminar will consist of discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, Members of the Knesset, Palestinian representatives and U.S. officials, as well as site surveys of the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, the southern border with the Gaza Strip, and the security fence. The seminar also aims to provide the political, historic, and religious context to the current conflicts and issues facing Israel and the region. It will explore the connection the three monotheistic religions have with the land and the influence this connection has on today's struggles. In addition to formal meetings and briefings, the trip provides experiential opportunities to help better understand the geographical complications, the security implications, and the historic root causes of the current conflicts.

Founded in 1990, the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) funds Israel Seminars for members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, students, political consultants, as well as Christian, Latino, African American, Progressive, and Veteran leaders. These trips to Israel are among the most critical programs AIEF supports on behalf of the U.S.-Israel relationship. These educational seminars allow policy makers to understand the complex historical, religious and geographic context of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Participants meet with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. For many of the participants, who make important decisions impacting Israel and the Middle East, these trips are their first, and sometimes, only exposure to the country. The most recent Senate trip was for Senator Tina Smith in March, 2019.

AIEF grants support innovative and award-winning programming that educates a wide array of participants, including college students, members of Congress and their staff, and political professionals.

16. Other Expenses

Security: \$1,083.33 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$611.11 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$250.00 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$183.33 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$177.78 per person

Room Rentals: \$166.67 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Hotel Commission \$136.57

- We pay a 7% hotel room commission to the company that books our hotels.

Transportation to the Syrian Border: \$55.56

Entrance Fees: \$50 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$33.33 per person

Photography: \$27.78 per person

- On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Other: \$27.78 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Tips: \$6.39 per person

-Tips for hotel staff

21. Per Diem

Meal expenses are equal to the foreign per diem rate for Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Tiberias. Lodging expenses are less than the foreign per diem for Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Tiberias. Meal expenses include the cost for meals, snacks, and water on the bus. It does not include alcohol, as we do not pay for alcohol per Senate ethics rules.

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Senior Congressional Staff
May 25 – June 2, 2019**

Senate Invitees

1. Rey Benitez, The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
2. Doug Coutts, The Honorable Tom Cotton (R-AR)
3. Joe Hack, The Honorable Deb Fischer (R-NE)
4. Mark Johnston, The Honorable Mike Rounds (R-SD)
5. Kyle Plotkin, The Honorable Josh Hawley (R-MO)
6. Jonathan Stahler, The Honorable Chris Coons (D-DE)

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Senior Congressional Staff
May 25-June 2, 2019**

Itinerary

Saturday, May 25, 2019

3:20 PM Depart Union Station (Amtrak)

6:21 PM Arrive Newark

10:45 PM Depart Newark

Sunday, May 26, 2019

4:20 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
Transfer to Jerusalem

6:30 PM Check-in to the Orient Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30-8:00 PM *Setting the Stage*
Orientation with Becky Strapp, Director of Educational Initiatives
- at Touro

8:00-10:00 PM *State of the Nation*
Dinner with David Horowitz
Editor, *Times of Israel*
- at Touro

State of the Nation

David Horovitz is the founding editor of *Times of Israel*, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

10:00-10:30 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*
Introduction to the history of the city
Brief walking survey

Shalom Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains

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Dinner with:

- ## Israeli's From Different Walks of Life

9:45 PM

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

8:00-9:00 AM

Breakfast with Aiman Saif

The Authority for Economic Development of the Minorities Sector
Prime Minister's Office
-at the hotel

As of the 2015 census, approximately 21% of Israeli residents are part of the non-Jewish minority, which includes, among others, Muslims, Christians, and Druze. As a liberal, democratic state, Israel is rooted in liberty, the rule of law, free and fair elections, and full civil rights for all citizens. Currently 14 Israeli Arabs and 2 Druze serve in the 120-member Israeli Knesset. During this session, the speaker will discuss the current challenges facing minority groups in Israel, as well as ways the government of Israel and NGOs seek to address these challenges.

9:15 AM

Depart for Yad Vashem

9:45-11:45 AM

Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference

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Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

12:30-1:30 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat
Chief Negotiator, Palestinian Authority
- at his office

2:45-3:45 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*
Meeting with Reuven Azar
Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister
- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

5:15 PM Check-in to the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel

7:45-9:45 PM *Start-Up Nation*
Dinner with

- Dovie Meisel, United Hatzalah
- Cathy Sebag, Head of Products, Mobile ODT

- at Spoons

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

9:45 PM Overnight at the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

7:00 AM Breakfast on your own

7:45 AM Depart

8:15-9:45 AM *Save a Child's Heart*
Meet with Dr. Hourihan and Visit the Recovery Home
-Wolfson Hospital

Save a Child's Heart

Save a Child's Heart (SACH) is an Israeli- based international, non-profit organization. SACH is committed to saving lives by improving the quality of cardiac care for children from developing countries and creating centers of medical competence in these countries. SACH Israel has saved the lives of over 3,700 children from 50 countries where adequate medical care is simply unavailable. Approximately 50% of these children are from the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Iraq and Morocco (countries with whom Israel has either no diplomatic relations or who are in a state of war with Israel). More than 30% are from Africa, and the remainder are from Asia, Eastern Europe and the Americas. These children are treated at the Wolfson Medical Center and housed at the Legacy Heritage Children's Home of Save a Child's Heart, both located in Holon.

9:45 AM Depart

10:45-11:45 AM *Life Under Threat of Rockets*
Visit Netiv Ha'asara and meet with local residents

11:45 AM-12:45 PM *Israel's Southern Front*
Overlook into Gaza and Visit to Peace Wall
-at Netiv Ha'asara

Israel's Southern Front

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. At Kibbutz Nir Am, participants will be able to see the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, to better comprehend the landscape of the region, as well as the unique challenges faced by this area. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Azza and meeting

the layman to understand the "rocket science". During this session, he will explain the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation that has led to Israel's development of multi-tiered missile defense system.

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:00-10:00 PM *1967: A Look Back*
- at Lumina

1967: A Look Back

2017 marked the 50th anniversary of the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war, also known as the Six-Day War. The 1967 war has set the stage for every major event in the Arab-Israeli crisis since. The speaker will discuss how this event shaped the region, Israeli society, and the Arab-Israeli conflict over the past five decades.

10:00 PM Overnight at the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, May 30, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel

8:15-9:15 AM *Regional Strategic Threats*
Meeting with Maj. Gen. (res.) Amos Gilead
Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS)
Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya
- at the hotel

Regional Strategic Threats

Gen. (Ret.) Amos Gilead is the Executive Director of the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS) and Chair of the Annual Herzliya Conference Series at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya. Gilead is the immediate past director of the Political-Military Affairs Bureau at Israel's Ministry of Defense. Gen. Gilead served for over 30 years in uniform. He was Coordinator of Government Operations in the Territories, headed the Military Intelligence Research Division, and was responsible for the overall National Intelligence Assessment. He also served as Military Secretary to the Prime Minister and Minister of Defense. Gen. Gilead has been one of the key figures in defining Israel's defense policy. During this session, he will provide participants with an overview of Regional Strategic Threats, including the threat of Iranian proxies near Israel.

9:30 AM Depart

10:30-11:15 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns*
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

- Oded Revivi, Mayor of Efrat
- Yariv Oppenheimer, Former Head of Peace Now -at Community Center, Alfei Menashe

Israeli settlement policy is one of the more complex issues in the ongoing negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. Mayor Revivi is the Mayor of a settlement in the West Bank; Yariv Oppenheimer is the former head of Peace now. This session provides an opportunity for members to get an insider's perspective on Israeli settlement policy, the differing views among Israeli citizens, and the role settlements play in the current political climate.

1:15-2:15 PM *Regional Strategic Briefing: Syria and Iraq*
-at Tanduka

As the delegation leaves the Gaza border, and heads north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, it is critical to understand the threats faced by Israel from these three areas, all Iranian proxies. The briefing will cover the unique situation at each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

- *The Jezreel Valley – The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa*
- *Upper Galilee – Potential for Development*

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For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Upper Galilee

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

3:30-4:30 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah*
Briefing with Maj. (res) Sarit Zehavi
-at Mt. Adir

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah

Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi served 15 years in the IDF in Military Intelligence –first in the Research and Analysis Branch, and later in the Northern Command. During her military service she briefed hundreds of delegations, ranging from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and politicians to global military commanders, senior journalists and visiting VIP delegations. She is the founder/director of Alma, an educational research center focusing on the security issues of Israel's northern border. Zehavi has authored many position papers focusing on Lebanon, Syria and Israel's national security challenges, and continues to brief delegations on these topics. She holds an MA in Middle East Studies from Ben Gurion University and is a resident of the northern Galilee region. She will brief the group on the current threats facing Israel by Iranian backed Hizballah in Lebanon.

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| 4:30 PM | Depart |
| 6:15 PM | Check-in to Europa Hotel |
| 7:45 PM | Depart for dinner |
| 8:00-10:00 PM | <i>Reflections on the Week</i>
- Dinner at Decks |

Reflections on the Week

We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we have been exposed to thus far. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to discuss the topics and perspectives presented to them assists them in their ability to more fully understand the complexities Israel faces.

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| 10:00 PM | Overnight at the Europa Hotel |
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Friday, May 31, 2019

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| 8:00 AM | Breakfast at the Hotel |
| 8:30 AM | Depart |
| 9:00-11:00 AM | <i>Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee</i>
Survey of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount▪ St. Peter's Church▪ Capernaum – Jesus' Village |

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of

Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts over 1.4 million Syrian refugees fleeing civil war. Following our discussion with Israeli soldiers patrolling the Syrian border, our guide will address how the influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

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| 5:30 PM | Check-in to the Orient Hotel |
| 7:15 PM | Depart for dinner |
| 7:30-9:30 PM | <i>Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem</i>
Traditional Sabbath evening dinner
With Wendy and Saul Singer
- at their home in Jerusalem |

Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple.

The dinner will include a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

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8:30-10:00 AM Depart
En route briefing:
Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the group will travel on the highway known as the “Jericho Road” is the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city’s division that lasted until 1967. Since then Israel has established the City of Ma’ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma’ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma’ale Adumim’s boundary, into an area known as “E-1”, the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Masada

Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destróyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

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During our trip to the Negev, we will also visit the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth and a major source of minerals for both Israel and Jordan.

Dead Sea Region

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally “made the desert bloom.” Some of this technology is already being shared with Jordan and the Palestinian Authority. All sides realize that a comprehensive regional water policy will ensure food production necessary to satisfy the Middle East’s growing population. For example, in late 2013, the three parties agreed to build a Red Sea-Dead Sea water project to address the shortage of fresh, clean water in the region and the rapid loss of water at the Dead Sea. This highlights the growing importance for Israel and her Arab neighbors to work together on joint environmental projects.

The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

7:00-9:00 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together*
Closing dinner

Closing Dinner

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways, and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

9:00 PM Depart for the Airport

Sunday, June 2, 2019

12:20 AM Depart Tel Aviv

5:50 AM Arrive Dulles

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